Helping State Government in tackling water-quality problems in the rural areas in one of the objectives of RGNDWM. Sub-Mission programmes were introduced in 1992-93 to tackle water quality and sustainability problems. During 1994-98, four projects to tackle water quality problems proposed by the West Bengal Government were sanctioned under the Arsenic Sub-mission programme by RGNDWM on the funding pattern of 75:25 between Centre and State. These were implemented by the State Government.

Helping State Governments to tackle water quality problems, through financial and technical inputs, continues to be an objective of RGNDWN. With effect from 1/4/1998, however, the power to sanction projects under Sub-mission programme were delegated to the State Governments. There is no change in funding pattern of 75:25 between Centre and State for tackling water quality problems. 15% of ARWSP funds released to States are earmarked for tackling water quality problems. Fully covered States can spend higher proportion of funds on projects for tackling water quality problems, with prior approval of the Central Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Contribution of State Governments towards Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

661. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much the State Government are to bear towards gainful employment under the rural employment guarantee scheme; and

(b) the details of National Common Minimum Programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (b) The proposal to enact a Central Legislation for the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which aims to enhance livelihood security to poor households in rural areas by providing atleast 100 days of guaranteed wage employment to every poor household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual labour, is under consideration of the Government.